Washington, DC – United States Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee), who sat with Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyoming), co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Women's Caucus, made the following statement in response to the President's State of the Union speech tonight:

"The President shared his vision of how we will win the future.

"We must ensure that the next scientists, the next inventors, the next great job-creating ideas – are made right here in America. We must invest to create jobs. We must invest in education. We must invest in innovation. We must invest in rebuilding our great country. And the President proposed a 5 year budget freeze. This will be painful for many, but it's a step to getting our fiscal house in order responsibly.

"But Republicans want to take a giant leap beyond that freeze and move us backward. They'd take us back by slashing and burning some of our most important investments – investments in research and development; investments in our children; and investments in transportation and infrastructure. And even go back on the promises we have made to our seniors and our veterans.

"Earlier today, Republicans approved a measure that could do just that. But they ignored a big piece of the budget pie – defense. They should take a cue from John Dillinger who said he robbed banks because that's where the money is. That's where the cuts are too. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates is calling on Congress to consider about $80 billion in cuts to defense spending. He gets that any solution to our fiscal mess needs to address unneeded defense spending. We need to consider those cuts.

"The bottom line is that it's regrettable that the GOP wants to take us back. They want to undo the progress we've made. They want to give up on making America competitive in the 21st Century. And to add insult to injury, their plans aren't even fiscally sound. You just can't balance the budget on spending cuts especially at the same time as working to get rid of the capital gains tax and the estate tax."

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